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SUBJECT: FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD CAMBODIA

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON 26 DECEMBER, CAMBODIAN COUNSELOR FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS PHAN BUOY HAK MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON FRENCH POLICY TOWARD CAMBODIA (UNDOUBTEDLY BASED IN PART ON CONVERSATIONS WITH HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM, NOW IN PARIS AND SCHEDULED RETURN TO PHNOM PENH ON 27 DECEMBER).

2. AFTER THE OVERTHROW OF SIHANOUK, FRANCE SOUGHT TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE GKR AND GRUNK. SHE ALSO EMPHASIZED A "THIRD FORCE POLICY," WHICH ENVISIONED THE RETURN OF THE PRINCE AND THE PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE AS DIVERSE AS PENN NOUTH AND SON SANN IN A CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLICAN FORM.

3. GISCARD'S DECEMBER 20 REMARKS ON CAMBODIA SYMBOLIZED BOTH CONTINUITY AND EVOLUTION IN FRENCH POLICY (SEE REF FOR FULL TEXT). FRANCE STILL WISHED TO PLAY AN INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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MEDIARY ROLE. THUS, SHORTLY AFTER THE UN VOTE ON CAM-

BODIA, THE QUAI D'ORSAY HAD ASKED THE CAMBODIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS TO WRITE A LETTER ASKING THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM. (THE GKR REFUSED TO MAKE SUCH A REQUEST.)

4. DURING THE PAST YEAR, HOWEVER, FRANCE HAD CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A KHMER REGIME WHOSE GOVERNMENT WAS DEMOCRATIC, BUT WHOSE HEAD OF STATE WAS A MONARCH WITH NOMINAL POWERS. THUS GISCARD HAD NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE ONLY "UNE HYPOTHESE PARTICULIERE" AND IT WAS NECESSARY TO LOOK FOR "D'AUTRE FORMES D'EVO-LUTION POLITIQUE."

5. IN THIS CONNECTION, HAK RECALLED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BERNARD DESTREMAU HAD TOLD THE KHMER FOREIGN MINISTER BEFORE THE UN VOTE THAT THE GKR SHOULD ELIMINATE THE CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO DESTREMAU, CERTAIN POLITICAL STEPS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN AS A PRELUDE TO SUCH TALKS.

6. AT THE SAME TIME, HAK CONTINUED, THE FRENCH WERE NOW SKEPTICAL THAT THE RESTORATION OF SIHANOUK OFFERED A VIABLE SOLUTION. INSTEAD, THE FRENCH WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE RETURN OF THE QUEEN MOTHER OR ONE OF THE PRINCE'S SONS, RAMARIDH WHO IS STUDYING FOR HIS DOCTORATE IN PARIS AND WHO HAD SEEN SIHANOUK IN ALGIERS LAST MONTH. FINALLY, HAK NOTED THAT ONE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY'S DOCTORS, A DOCTOR RICHE, WOULD SHORTLY BE LEAVING MONTPELLIER FOR PEKING, PERHAPS TO CARRY A MESSAGE TO THE QUEEN MOTHER.

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